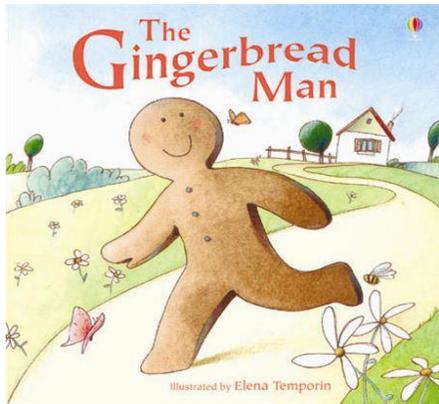


## Nursery. Autumn Term 2 This term our Nursery topic is **Baking and Festivities**

Our "Talk for Writing" focus story is "The Gingerbread Man" and during the final weeks of term we will be learning the Nativity Story, finishing with our Nursery Nativity performances on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December & our Christmas parties on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> AM and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> PM of December



### Mathematics

Each child has a "mini-me" (a small block with their photo attached) These are used every session to count out the children in the group and to recite number names in sequence. There is a number display with a number track for number recognition and children sing number songs and rhymes daily.

In our "maths learning zone" in the green room we will have a bakery selling cakes and biscuits for children to buy. Children will have lots of play opportunities to weigh out ingredients, count out cakes, explore ingredients used for baking and sing numbered nursery rhymes. There will be lots of Gingerbread maths too; counting buttons, making same as, more than and ordering numbers etc

In the room there will be an orange board for children to explore lots of different objects all of different shades of orange.

### Physical Development

We will be supporting our children to develop their fine motor control and to develop appropriate pencil grip. Activities will include; mark making opportunities, threading, using pegs, tweezers and tongs to pick up and to sort small equipment. Manipulating puzzle pieces and rolling, cutting and squeezing play dough. We will be doing lots of cutting, sticking and painting to make festive arts and crafts.

We will be challenging children with lots of running and chasing games and we aim to develop their confidence on our larger equipment outside encouraging children to experiment with different ways of moving

We will further support children to develop their health & self-care needs,

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We know that in order for our children to become successful learners we need to make sure that their wellbeing and involvement levels are fully supported. We observe children closely and plan for "Characteristics of Effective Learning" and will support children who display lower levels more closely We will be encouraging children to express their own interests and to make choices. We will be supporting children to find out and to explore and to concentrate for longer periods. We will be further helping children to develop positive relationships and to resolve any conflict within the setting.

### Communication, Language and literacy

This term we will be working in partnership with our Speech and Language Therapist to further increase children's effective communication skills. We will be supporting children to speak in sentences using "and" and "because" and will help children to understand and use verbs such as running, hopping and chasing. Through lots of repetition using "The Gingerbread Man text". We will encourage children to become very familiar with the story sequence, introduce new vocabulary and encourage awareness and interest in the print We will continue to embed children's early phonic awareness with lots of songs, rhymes and letters and sounds activities. We will support children with their listening skills and encourage "my turn, your turn" approach to support children to take turns in conversation. We will be using our "Sound Talk" puppets to help children to hear the sounds in words and to identify initial sounds of objects.

### Understanding the World

We will begin the term with looking for signs of Autumn, looking at different leaves, their colours and sizes and talking about changes from Summer to Autumn and going into Winter. We will learn about day and night animals and those that hibernate for the Winter. We will bake Gingerbread Men and later will do lots of Christmas baking. We will talk about different cultural values and promote effective citizenship. We will investigate different moving toys, remote control toys and introduce new tablets

### Expressive Arts and Design

We will be celebrating Bonfire Night and exploring movement, sounds and instruments. We will be providing lots of opportunities for children to "make and do" using different materials and media. We will explore colour and sing lots of rhymes and songs.

At Christmas time we will perform our Nativity Play